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Fabulous Felines  
of the Upstate*

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# Fiona's Corner

## Gordon Finds a Home.

By Judy Poly



I know I was once just a small kitten like all cats were but sadly I do not remember those days. I do remember roaming the streets looking for a home, where I could sit and purr on a warm lap and eat food from my own bowl. Each day I ran from dogs, dodged cars and looked for food, water and a home of my own.

One day as I lie under a bush tired and hungry I heard a noise. I jumped to my feet ready to run. There stood a little brown chipmunk with shining black eyes. He said "What cha ah layin thar fur?" You'd ought ta be ah runnin ta Diana and Dale's house over thar in North Main." Where was North Main I wondered? The chipmunk saw that I was puzzled, he said "Faller me." So I did. The Chipmunk pointed his tail at a cute little brick house then disappeared. I stood very still wondering was the chipmunk right? Was this my new home? I got closer and closer. What was I hearing? Meow, meow, MEOW, m e o w, meow, MEOW! I walked slowly up to the front door and began to meow myself. A sad meow, louder

and louder I meowed. The door opened. A beautiful woman picked me up gently and said, "You are home now my little golden furry friend."

I rested in the sun room and had lots of good food to eat. Diana and Dale said my name would be Gordon. I slept on Dale's warm lap every-day. I was sad when I heard I was a foster cat. The couple's house was a rescue home for homeless cats. But I wanted to stay!

One day the house was filled with talking and laughing. A family named Aldrich came to visit, Danelle, Sean, Luke, and Meema Janet. They came from a far place called Chandler, Arizona. What happened next changed my life. I was going to be part of their family, but first a long trip. I heard someone say I would fly on a plane in a bag. I looked sadly into Dale's eyes then into Diana's eyes. They both said, "We will miss you Gordon, but it's time for you to go to your forever home." I did fly in a bag all the way to the Aldrich home.

The Aldrich house was not made of brick and it had no sun room, but it did have Grandma Judy. She bought me a bowl of my own and other things I needed. I knew she would be my friend. Soon I met Rudy a large brown dog. He ran right up to me hoping for a chase. Not this cat this time! I stared him down eye to eye. He sniffed me from whisker to

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## Features



### When your Dog goes on your Lawn, it doesn't **Just Go on your Lawn**

Rainwater carries pet waste and other pollutants directly into Greenville County's waterways, adding bacteria to local streams, rivers and lakes. Animal waste may contain harmful organisms such as Giardia, Salmonella and E. coli that can cause illness to humans who ingest contaminated water. There are approximately 114,483 dogs in Greenville County generating more than 57,000 pounds of waste every day.

Dog waste is a big problem because of its high concentration of E. coli. Dog waste has 23 million E. coli bacteria per gram, while humans only have 13 million. Human waste is treated before re-entry into waterways, but pet waste left on the ground is not. It can take several years for the E. coli in dog waste to break down if the waste is not disposed of properly. While bacteria and pet waste break down naturally, the ecosystem cannot handle the number of domestic dogs humans concentrate in a small area.

Dog waste that is not taken care of results in a big pollution problem for our local waters. Everyone can do small things to help clean our water. These simple individual actions add up to a pollution solution. So, dispose of your pet's

waste properly and promptly. Whenever your dog goes, remember to Scoop the Poop. All you have to do is grab it, bag it and toss it in the trash, where it will be treated. Your neighbors will thank you for keeping your community water clean.

**There is no Poop Fairy ...**



**Scoop your Poop**  
• Grab it • Bag it • Toss it

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